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Director's Meeting

Monday, 10 March 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, []

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The Director:

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a. Referred to a letter from [], Executive Vice President of [] and stated (1) there was nothing these people could do for us at this time; (2) [] should be thanked for his offer; (3) we would have to be careful in accepting similar offers of assistance since "some of these people" when forced to appear before a Congressional Committee might very well blame their actions as a result of a request from this Agency. Mr. Wisner noted that in view of the shortness of time [] had been verbally thanked for his offer []

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c. Stated that he possibly might wish to see [] before Friday and, in any event, wanted to talk to him by telephone. *Dane*

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d. Stated he was seeing Ambassador MacVeagh today. Mr. Wisner noted that MacVeagh had seen the correspondence on the [] matter.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. (1) Noted the message from [] *S. 3-17-52* The Director noted he had seen a report of this in the Log; (2) read a message [] concerning the Bill Lawrence article in the NEW YORK TIMES; (3) in answer to a query from the DCI, stated that Gen. Eisenhower had been briefed on our activities

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c. Referred to the AP dispatch from Burma over which *"we"* had been concerned and noted that *if* published it will, in all probability, be of some benefit to us.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

d. Stated that we were trying to "head off" the article Noel Baker wants to sell to LIFE; however, there is a possibility that if LIFE does not take it some other magazine will. The Director stated that it would be "most interesting" if someone were to do a feature article on Baker and others of his stripe.

e. Noted that Ambassador Dunn was leaving Rome on 12 March and Washington on 18 March and that while he was here our people would hold discussions with him.

f. Asked where the action is at the present time on the Gray report. The Director stated that Admiral Souers has it at the present time to clear with the President and noted that he wanted to speak to Souers by telephone on Wednesday, 12 March. In this connection, Mr. Wisner stated he had prepared a speech for the President if he desired to use it and noted that he would have this ready for the Director prior to his telephone conversation with Admiral Souers. *Done*

g. Mentioned a possible candidate for [] replacement. The Director 25X1 stated that he was "an able person" but was not the right man for that particular job; however, there were jobs here in Washington on which we could use him.

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Mr. Becker:

a. Reported on intelligence support for the Coast Guard and noted that (1) the Navy would take up the matter of requesting clearance for one individual with the Coast Guard to receive Special Intelligence; (2) the Navy also had under consideration the problem of furnishing intelligence support to the Coast Guard. 25X1

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Mr. Wolf noted that all of the banks have accepted our recommendations except Chase and that he was seeing them this afternoon.

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